

Constitutional Commemoration Committee

2002 Annual Report

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Constitutional Commemoration Committee

2002 Annual Report

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41-618. Constitutional commemoration committee; definition

A. The constitutional commemoration committee is established consisting of:

1. Two members of the house of representatives as advisory members who are appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and who may not be from the same political party.

2. Two members of the senate as advisory members who are appointed by the president of the senate and who may not be from the same political party.

3. The governor or the governor's designee.

4. The superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee.

5. Six public members, two who are appointed by the governor, two who are appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and two who are appointed by the president of the senate.

B. The members of the committee annually shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its members. Members are not eligible to receive compensation but are eligible to receive reimbursement of expenses under title 38, chapter 4, article 2. Except advisory members of the state legislature, members shall serve four year terms.

C. Legislative council shall provide staff and operational support to the committee.

D. The committee shall:

1. Collaborate and cooperate with public, private and nonprofit entities to promote public understanding of the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights.

2. Promote and sponsor observances in this state commemorating and celebrating historical events that encourage youth and adult civic participation.

3. Support expanding existing programs that promote civic participation and educate school-age children.

E. The committee may accept, spend and account for donations, gifts, bequests and devises that are consistent with the overall purpose and objectives of the committee.

F. For purposes of this section, "advisory member" means a member who gives advice to other members of the committee at meetings of the committee but who is not eligible to vote and is not a member for determining whether a quorum is present.

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

Meeting Notice

Open to the Public

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, January 11, 2002

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: House Hearing Room 3

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Review Minutes**
- 4. Discussion on the Constitution Commemoration Dinner**
- 5. Website Proposals**
- 6. Public Testimony**
- 7. Adjournment**

MEMBERS:

Lisa Fink, Chairman
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Donna Flanagan
Ella Makula
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ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE
Forty-fifth Legislature – First Regular Session

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Friday, January 11, 2002
House Hearing Room 3 -- 1:30 p.m.

(Tape 1, Side A)

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and attendance was noted by the secretary.

Members Present

Senator Petersen
Larry Chesley
Kelly Cordes
Donna Flanagan
Ella Makula

Representative Anderson
Robert Williams
Walter Zimmerman
Lisa Fink, Chairman

Members Absent

Senator Blanchard
Ilia Terrazas

Representative Chase

Speakers Present

Michael Carman, Museum Division Director, Department of Library, Archives and Public Records

Dale Langkilde, City of Mesa Constitution Committee

Barbara Dienes, President, Freedoms Foundation - Phoenix Area Chapter

Guests Attending

Elizabeth Giordano, Intern, Arizona Department of Education

Chairman Fink announced that Ms. Terrazas is no longer with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), and subsequently, the Committee, but ADE is attempting to find a replacement.

Mr. Cordes related that he and Mr. Langkilde are drafting a letter to the State Board of Education to address the issue of how credits for high school graduation do not mesh with civic and government standards adopted a year ago last spring. They are also drafting a letter to the State

School Superintendent about making sure the assessment teachers take to become certified dovetails with the standards.

Discussion on the Constitution Commemoration Dinner

The Members discussed contributions from sponsors of the dinner (Attachments 1, 2 and 3). Chairman Fink pointed out that America West Airlines donated airline tickets.

Mr. Cordes noted that Michelle Steinberg from Kids Voting will attend the dinner and a table will be set up. He added that Debbie Shayo from We The People originally said she would attend, but called him yesterday about a conflict. He intends to call her back and see if she can send someone else. Ms. Makula advised that the City of Avondale will have a table. Chairman Fink indicated that the Committee will also have a table. She related that she would like to have signs listing the sponsors.

Michael Carman, Museum Division Director, Department of Library, Archives and Public Records, indicated that 24 hours lead time would be necessary to make the signs.

Chairman Fink indicated that she will provide a list of sponsors to him by Wednesday, January 16, 2002.

Mr. Chesley remarked that the scoutmaster called him last night to see if the Boy Scouts are needed for the flag ceremony. He said he might call and ask for their help, to which Chairman Fink agreed.

Chairman Fink expressed a wish for more attendance from city council members, especially cities that did proclamations. Discussion followed, after which Mr. Chesley agreed to fax an invitation and letter to the cities and legislators that did not respond to the invitation.

Mr. Williams stated that he hopes Dr. Thomas West is a good speaker.

Dale Langkilde, City of Mesa Constitution Committee, related that he heard Dr. West speak over the Internet through the screen and audio, and he believes his writings are most effective.

Chairman Fink advised that 30 to 40 minutes are allowed for the speech with 10 minutes for questions and answers. The Members indicated a preference of 30 minutes for the speech.

Referring to the program (Attachment 1), Chairman Fink stated that she received the slide show. The hotel was supposed to obtain a dimmer, but there are recessed lights and main lights, so the main lights will be turned off during the slide show. For the flag ceremony, the hotel is planning to buy flags. The patriotic medley will be presented by the trio listed and there will be a deejay with equipment for background music and music during the slide show. Dr. West's flight and room are confirmed and he will be picked up by a former student. Mr. Langkilde will introduce Dr. West, who will be reimbursed for any expenses such as a cab, etc.

Mr. Anderson said he has the name of a person in his office to give the invocation, but he has not asked him due to a miscommunication.

Mr. Carmen asked if two easels are needed for the signs and Chairman Fink responded affirmatively.

Mr. Williams suggested inviting "George and Martha Washington" to the dinner.

Barbara Dienes, President, Freedoms Foundation - Phoenix Area Chapter, stated that she has been "Martha" 19 times in six weeks, which is too much.

Mr. Williams suggested asking "George and Martha" to attend during the social period to meet people, which would add to the evening. They could enjoy a free dinner and would not have to perform. Chairman Fink indicated that an alternative would be "Uncle Sam" and the "Colonial Soldier."

Mr. Anderson recommended asking "George Washington" to do the invocation. Ms. Dienes said she believes there are already two programs that day, but agreed to check the schedule.

Mr. Langkilde recommended that a few people from the Mesa Constitution Committee could dress up and provide the invocation if "George Washington" cannot.

Ms. Flanagan stated that it would be nice to have "Uncle Sam" and the "Colonial Soldier" attend and mingle. Ms. Dienes agreed to find out if they would be willing to attend.

Chairman Fink commented that she talked to Judge John Roll from Tucson to make sure he will be present to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Chesley opined that including America West Airlines in the list of sponsors is not enough and recommended adding beneath Dr. West's name that the Committee is very grateful to America West Airlines for providing transportation. The Members agreed.

Chairman Fink observed that about 147 people are expected, but noted that not too many Senators responded affirmatively. Senator Petersen agreed to follow-up with Senators.

Chairman Fink indicated that she does not have fax numbers for other people on the list. She added that she sent an invitation to the American Legion and Shriners, but received no response.

Mr. Williams stated that if "George and Martha Washington" cannot attend, "Uncle Sam" or the "Colonial Soldier" could be asked to do the invocation.

Mr. Anderson stated that he has a list he could e-mail invitations to. Mr. Carman indicated that he will find out if there is a file containing the invitation and send it to Chairman Fink for distribution.

Chairman Fink remarked that seats will be assigned and the table number will be included on name tags. There will be two ushers and two people at the table, whom she will meet with prior to the dinner to discuss any questions and concerns. She has been working with the sponsors and others to make sure everyone is sitting with people they would like to sit with.

Chairman Fink related that the projected cost for 200 people is about \$4,000. If only 150 attend, the cost would be \$3,000 plus \$1,000 for the honorarium, \$100 for the room, and about \$50 for other expenses for a total of \$4,150. With the sponsors that are going to be paying, about \$3,500 or \$3,750 will be raised, which does not include money from the cities of Surprise, Peoria, etc., so a few more sponsors and people sending money in would be helpful. She indicated that she is glad Mr. Anderson suggested the Lexington Hotel because the location is better pricewise.

Chairman Fink noted that Mr. Carman has the machine for the slide show, which was reserved by David Hooper. She plans to try out the slide show next week to make sure everything is okay. Mr. Carman asked her to call so he can have it set up. Chairman Fink related that the slide show contains some Revolutionary War pictures and current pictures (military), but the majority are from Constitution Week, Citizenship Day presentations at different cities, the previous dinner, and Constitution Week kickoff. The slide show lasts about five minutes.

Mr. Chesley acknowledged that elected officials will be asked to stand and be recognized, noting that more responded this year than ever before.

Website Proposals

Chairman Fink related that Mr. Zimmerman is planning to add Histories to the web site, such as the history behind Constitution Week, etc., and she asked Ms. Flanagan to make phone calls to compile the histories. Mr. Zimmerman requested that information be e-mailed to him.

Discussion of Federal Legislation

Mr. Langkilde reported that President Bush signed the Education Bill, which contains a few references that might be of interest to the Committee:

- Education for Democracy Act authorizes the Secretary to make grants to contracts with the Center for Civic Education to carry out civic education activities under the We The People, the Citizen and Constitution Program, the Project Citizen Program, the Cooperative Education Exchange Programs, and National Council on Economic Education to carry out educational activities, make eligible programs to central or eastern European countries, Luthania, Latvia, Estonia, and the independent states of the former Soviet Union, the Republic of Ireland, the Province of Northern Ireland, the United Kindgom, and any developing country with a democratic form of government.
- Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act prohibits any local educational agency or state educational agency or public school that receives Department of Education funds from discriminating in providing equal access to school premises or facilities that have been designated as open or limited public forums against any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America or any other youth group listed as a patriotic society on the basis of such groups' membership or leadership criteria or oath of allegiance.

Mr. Langkilde stated that another section relates to character education, but he could not locate the language.

Senator Petersen advised that a bill will be introduced in the Senate stating that any local school, community college, or university that prohibits contributions from employees to national

organizations that have been 501(c)3 for more than 25 years will lose state funding. He explained that it specifically refers to the University of Arizona where the President prohibited payroll deductions by employees to the Boy Scouts of America because it is a discriminatory group.

Senator Petersen stated that he will meet with representatives of the City of Safford on January 23, 2002, and he met with one of the Board of Supervisors of Graham County, who expressed interest in the county becoming a County of Character and the Cities of Safford, Thatcher, and Pima becoming Cities of Character. When he first talked about character education with Mr. Langkilde, about 25 cities focused on character education, which is now of interest to over 142 cities. He added that he has seen character education programs that are not very effective, but he believes the program Chairman Fink used in her home is useful in helping people build character.

Mr. Langkilde located and conveyed the language relating to character education:

- Sets forth partnership in character education program to revise, reauthorize, and expand a pilot project currently under Title 10A, authorizes the Secretary to make grants to eligible entities in partnership to design and implement state and local character education programs incorporating the elements of caring, civic virtue and citizenship, justice and fairness, respect, responsibility, trustworthiness and giving, as well as any other elements deemed by the members of the eligible entity, and any additional elements defined after consultation with the schools and community served.

Chairman Fink opined that it is definitely important for the Constitution, which states that to maintain a republic there needs to be moral character within the citizens of this nation.

Senator Petersen conveyed that in promoting the character education program, he usually talks to elementary, middle, or high school students and shows a picture of the signed Declaration of Independence. When he tells stories of what some of the men did, the teachers say they have never heard the stories and the students are very attentive. He opined that it is very necessary, and in terms of the Constitution the point needs to be instilled that there were men with integrity and what that means.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Linda Taylor, Committee Secretary
January 14, 2002

(Original minutes, attachments, and tape are on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk.)

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

Meeting Notice

Open to the Public

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 22, 2002

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: House Hearing Room 3

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Evaluation of 6th Annual Constitution Commemoration Dinner**
- 3. Discussion of possible State Constitution Week activities**
- 4. Report from Education subcommittee**
- 5. Report from Constitution Week subcommittee**
- 6. Public Discussion**
- 7. Adjournment**

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ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE
Forty-fifth Legislature – Second Regular Session

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Friday, March 22, 2002
HHR 3 -- 1:30 p.m.

(Tape 1, Side A)

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. and attendance was noted by the secretary.

Members Present

Kelly Cordes
Robert Williams
Walter Zimmerman

Representative Anderson
Larry Chesley, Vice-Chairman
Lisa Fink, Chairman

Members Absent

Senator Blanchard
Senator Petersen
Representative Chase

Donna Flanagan (excused)
Scott Kirtley
Ella Makula (excused)

Speakers Present

Michael Carman, Museum Division Director, Department of Library, Archives and Public Records
Dale Langkilde, representing City of Mesa Constitution Committee

Guest Attending

Barbara Dienes, President, Freedoms Foundation - Phoenix Area Chapter
Elizabeth Giordano, Intern, Arizona Department of Education
Jim Pinkerman, representing City of Mesa Constitution Committee

Evaluation of Sixth Annual Constitution Commemoration Dinner

Chairman Fink declared she was concerned with sound system problems and lack of lighting. Vice-Chairman Chesley said he received a great deal of negative feedback related to parking. He asked if having the dinner at the Shriners Hall had ever been investigated. Chairman Fink responded in the affirmative, adding the usage fee would be cost prohibitive.

Chairman Fink said the program went well over all and would recommend continuing the constitutional excellence award. The total received in banquet receipts was \$7,435.

Mr. Williams asked if having "George and Martha Washington" and the "Colonial Soldier" helped provide atmosphere at the dinner. Chairman Fink and Vice-Chairman Chesley responded in the affirmative. Vice-Chairman Chesley stated the current balance in the treasury is \$974.

Mr. Anderson declared there were more legislators at this year's dinner than ever before. He thought it was the best dinner the committee has done yet and the quality of the speaker was excellent. Vice-Chairman Chesley and Mr. Williams concurred.

Discussion of possible State Constitution Week activities

Chairman Fink asked if the committee wanted to do another kickoff. There were not that many people at the kickoff last year, which could be attributed to the September 11th attacks. Vice-Chairman Chesley commented timing may or may not be good this year because it is an election year.

Chairman Fink said for last year's Constitution Week activities, the committee organized the kickoff, placed posters in schools and investigated what communities were doing to celebrate Constitution Week. It would be ideal to get the media involved.

Mr. Zimmerman said that rather than holding a separate activity, a press conference could be held to disseminate information on what communities statewide are doing.

Mr. Anderson stated the committee's purpose is to help communities statewide with their Constitution celebrations, organize the Constitution Commemoration Dinner and help with educating students on the Constitution. A press conference at the Capitol with a high level official would be a good idea.

Vice-Chairman Chesley said it would be a good idea to have representatives from the communities that already have Constitution celebrations at the press conference. Mr. Anderson added having students that were "constitutional scholars" at the press conference would be a good draw.

Michael Carman, Museum Division Director, Department of Library, Archives and Public Records, said having the press conference in the restored House chamber at the Capitol Museum would be great idea. The chamber is where the original Arizona Constitution was signed.

Mr. Anderson suggested displaying a copy of the original Arizona State Constitution at the press conference. It would also be a good idea to research the signers of the original Arizona Constitution and do biographies to increase interest. Vice-Chairman Chesley said the committee could go a step further and have relatives of the original signers at the press conference.

Mr. Williams said when he goes to the schools to do his presentation on the Declaration of Independence, he has all the students signing a draft of the document with a feather pen. Something along those lines could also be done at the press conference.

Vice-Chairman Chesley distributed a copy of a recent article in the East Valley Tribune (Attachment 1) on the Constitution Commemoration Committee's essay contest.

Report from Education Subcommittee

Mr. Cordes reviewed a draft letter to Superintendent of Public Instruction Jaime Molera regarding teacher certification assessment (Attachment 2). He added the letter will be transmitted next week. Mr. Zimmerman suggested sending the Lake Havasu City School Board a copy of this letter.

Mr. Cordes reviewed a draft letter to the State Board of Education (Attachment 3). The letter addresses concerns that new social studies standards are not being met and gives suggestions on a minimum course of study for social studies. He asked the committee for their suggestions.

Mr. Cordes reviewed an outline for a teacher workshop on the new Arizona civic standards (Attachment 4). He said he thought the Department of Education determined how many workshop hours teachers must attend for certification requirements. In all actuality, individual school boards establish the requirements. He is working on having school boards allow social studies teachers to use Constitution Commemoration Committee workshops toward recertification.

Dale Langkilde, representing City of Mesa Constitution Committee, remarked he had a meeting with the Mesa School District's Curriculum Committee to inform them they are not in compliance with the new state standards on social studies. Now is the time to work with districts to let them know they are not in compliance.

Report from Constitution Week subcommittee

Chairman Fink said the City of El Mirage has requested information on Constitution Week activities. The City of Glendale is expanding their current program and the City of Surprise and the City of Litchfield Park are instituting programs this year.

Mr. Zimmerman reviewed a report on his recent visit to Lake Havasu City (Attachment 5). The group he met with is very excited and wants to start working on activities right away. Chairman Fink suggested using the newsletter to keep everyone informed.

Mr. Zimmerman asked if the new social studies standards have gone out to all Arizona school districts. Mr. Cordes responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Anderson said Lake Havasu City has always had great turnouts at their events.

Public Participation

Mr. Langkilde said it may be advisable to determine what districts are in compliance with new standards so the committee can target the ones that are not. The Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) could do the study and request copies of their social studies curriculum. Vice-Chairman Chesley suggested having Mr. Anderson and Mr. Petersen ask if ASBA could do the study.

Mr. Cordes said the survey would be easy to do via e-mail and suggested sending the survey to the district's curriculum coordinator or their designee. Mr. Langkilde added charter and magnet schools should be included.

Newsletter

Chairman Fink asked for assistance on the "inquiring minds want to know" column in newsletter. Discussion ensued and Chairman Fink assigned the column to Donna Flanagan. Chairman Fink requested an article from the education subcommittee and decided on an April 15th deadline.

In response to a point raised by Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Anderson suggested creating a tri-fold brochure that contains the following information:

- Committee members and their contact information
- Reference to the legislation that created the committee
- Mission statement
- Arizona cities that have Constitution Commemoration activities

Mr. Anderson complimented Chairman Fink on the good job she's doing with the committee.

Vice-Chairman Chesley opined investment of time and money into the brochure would only help the committee in the end.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Andrea Allen, Committee Secretary
April 4, 2002

(Original minutes, attachments and tape on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk.)

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

Meeting Notice

Open to the Public

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, May 17, 2002

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: House Hearing Room 3

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approve Minutes**
- 3. Review draft of Constitutional Commemoration Committee brochure**
- 4. Preliminary planning of proposed press conference for Constitution Week**
- 5. Report from Education subcommittee**
- 6. Report from Constitution Week subcommittee**
- 7. Public Discussion**
- 8. Adjournment**

MEMBERS:

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ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE
Forty-fifth Legislature – Second Regular Session
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Friday, May 17, 2002
House Hearing Room 3 -- 1:30 p.m.

(Tape 1, Side A)

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. and attendance was noted by the secretary.

Members Present

Kelly Cordes
Scott Kirtley
Ella Makula

Robert Williams
Walter Zimmerman
Representative Chase

Lisa Fink, Chairman

Members Absent

Larry Chesley, Vice-Chairman (excused) Donna Flanagan (excused)
Senator Blanchard (excused) Representative Anderson (excused)
Senator Petersen (excused)

Speakers Present

Stephanie Leusner, Assistant to Mayor and Council, City of Peoria
David Hooper, Department of Library, Archives and Public Records
Michael Carman, Museum Division Director, Department of Library, Archives and Public
Records
Barbara Dienes, President, Freedoms Foundation - Phoenix Area Chapter

Chairman Fink apprised the newsletter is now being distributed to cities that have constitutional celebrations and to the media.

Review Draft of Constitutional Commemoration Committee brochure

Chairman Fink reviewed the draft of the Constitutional Commemoration Committee brochure (Attachment 1). Ms. Makula said the City of Glendale is a participating community and they

were not included in the brochure. She would recommend including cities like Litchfield Park and El Mirage as they have made a strong commitment to participating in the future.

Stephanie Leusner, Assistant to Mayor and Council, City of Peoria, apprised she has been in contact with Youngtown and Tolleson and they are interested in participating in the future. She has also been working on establishing contacts with several other Arizona cities.

Mr. Zimmerman inquired if Kingman should be included in the brochure. Ms. Makula responded she would wait a year before including them.

Chairman Fink said the following cities will be included in the brochure: El Mirage, Glendale, Litchfield Park and Lake Havasu City.

In response to inquiry by Mr. Zimmerman, Ms. Leusner replied she has already created a database with contact information on all the interested communities. She will be happy to provide the committee copies of any information that is sent out to the communities.

Mr. Kirtley suggested working with the County School Superintendents across the state in spreading the word to the outlying communities.

Mr. Zimmerman recommended referring to the Arizona statute that created the Constitutional Commemoration Committee. The committee's return address should be placed on the blank panel in the middle if the pamphlet is being mailed without an envelope.

David Hooper, Department of Library, Archives and Public Records, discussed paper types that could be used for the brochure. Chairman Fink stated she would prefer a cream colored paper that looks like parchment.

Preliminary Planning of Proposed Press Conference for Constitution Week

Chairman Fink reviewed proposed press conference ideas (Attachment 2). She commented that having a high-level elected official at the press conference would be a big media draw and Vice-Chairman Chesley had stated in the past he would work on having Senator Jon Kyl attend the press conference. Constitution Week starts on September 17, 2002. If the press conference is held two weeks prior to the kickoff, it will conflict with Primary Election activities.

Michael Carman, Museum Division Director, Department of Library, Archives and Public Records, stated he would check the availability of the original House of Representatives chamber in the Capitol.

Chairman Fink said either September 4th or September 6th would be good as those dates are after Labor Day. She continued reviewing the press conference ideas handout (Attachment 2).

Representative Chase said that she was very impressed with the display of presidential china at a previous committee event. That would be an excellent visual display for the television media.

Mr. Zimmerman suggested making sure that the participating community members are easily identified and introduced during the press conference.

Representative Chase suggested using a JROTC unit to present the colors as part of the press conference.

Mr. Zimmerman suggested using the Mesa Fire Department Bagpipe and Drum Corps as they are very professional and create a proper atmosphere. He also stated Allen Keyes would be an excellent speaker who is very Constitutionally oriented.

Mr. Carman remarked staging the press conference in the restored original House of Representatives chamber in the Capitol would be most appropriate as that is where the original Arizona Constitution was signed.

Ms. Makula said she knows the great grandson of one of the original signers of the Arizona Constitution. Mr. Carman added his office can supply photographs of the original Arizona Constitution signers.

Barbara Dienes, President, Freedoms Foundation - Phoenix Area Chapter, commented the Freedoms Foundation teaches a program on the history of Arizona state symbols, including the state flag and the state seal. It could be condensed for the press conference.

Chairman Fink reviewed suggestions:

- Have press conference on September 4th or 6th at 10 a.m.
- Get high level official to speak
- Two speakers at most (high level official and descendant of constitution signer or "George Washington")
- Presentation of flag by either a JROTC unit or a military unit
- Have essay contest winners present
- "I Signed The Constitution" display

In response to inquiry by Mr. Kirtley, Mr. Carman replied there is room for 52 people on the floor of the restored House chamber and room for 100 in the gallery.

Report from Education subcommittee

Mr. Cordes stated he is working on getting school e-mail addresses so he can send out the survey on curriculum alignment with new civics standards. Mr. Kirtley added a bill passed out of the House yesterday that states every school district will sign an affidavit that their curriculum is aligned with state standards.

Mr. Cordes remarked he sent out the letters that were reviewed at the previous meeting. Mr. Kirtley suggested any letters regarding certification should be sent to Ralph Romero. The Superintendent of Public Instruction's office only very recently resumed supervising teacher certification.

Mr. Cordes said the letter related to adjusting the State Board of Education (SBE) rules to correspond with the new civics standards will be taken up at the next SBE meeting on Monday, May 20, 2002. He said he will be present at that meeting.

Chairman Fink stated she made a "A Perfect Union" presentation at Pueblo Del Sol Middle School and shared the thank you letter she received from their principal.

Mr. Cordes related he will be taking some of his students to Pennsylvania to tour historic sites and if any committee members would like pictures of the sites he will take the picture and email them to the member.

Report from Constitution Week subcommittee.

Ms. Leusner requested direction on how to handle West Valley cities that want to participate in Constitution Week. Ms. Makula said the smaller cities are helping each other out with their celebrations. The difficulty is in getting the cities started in the process.

(Tape 1, Side B)

Chairman Fink said she received a letter that Dave Barton would not be able to speak at the Constitution Commemoration Dinner in January 2003. She asked the committee members to start thinking about potential speakers. Ms. Leusner suggested using the author of "Understanding the Arizona Constitution" as a speaker.

Mr. Zimmerman said he received some information from Eastern National, a group that sells books, videos and other materials related to the Constitution. Those items may prove helpful in classroom presentations.

Mr. Williams commented there have been two newspaper articles in recent weeks that children are not receiving proper history education. Chairman Fink stated the new civics standards may help turn that trend around.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Andrea Allen, Committee Secretary
May 24, 2002

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ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

Meeting Notice

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CONSTITUTIONAL COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

DATE: ~~Tuesday~~ Monday, July 29, 2002

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: House Hearing Room 3

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Minutes
3. Press Conference for Constitution Week
4. National Civic Participation Week
5. Report from Constitution Week Subcommittee
6. Report from Education Subcommittee
7. Constitution Commemoration Dinner
8. Public Discussion
9. Adjournment

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Forty-fifth Legislature – Second Regular Session

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Monday, July 29, 2002
House Hearing Room 3 -- 1:30 p.m.

(Tape 1, Side A)

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. and attendance was noted by the secretary.

Members Present

Scott Kirtley
Robert Williams
Walter Zimmerman

Representative Anderson
Lisa Fink, Chairman

Members Absent

Senator Blanchard
Senator Petersen
Kelly Cordes
Donna Flanagan

Representative Chase
Ella Makula
Larry Chesley, Vice Chairman

Speakers Present

David Hooper, Department of Library, Archives and Public Records

Press Conference for Constitution Week

Chairman Fink noted that the press conference for Constitution Week will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in the restored House Chamber of the Arizona Capitol Museum, which is where the Arizona Constitution was signed. She is waiting for confirmation from the Bagpipe and Drum Corps in Mesa, but would like suggestions for possible alternatives for presentation of the flag as a backup. She indicated that it would be nice to do something relating to firefighters because the anniversary of September 11 is about the same time.

She said she asked Senator Jon Kyl to speak, but he cannot, nor can other members of Congress since they must be in Washington, D.C. John Keegan, Mayor of Peoria, agreed to speak. He is the great grandson of John Keegan, one of the original signers of the Arizona Constitution. "George Washington" will speak about three minutes on signing of the U.S. Constitution since he was the President of the Constitutional Convention.

Chairman Fink asked the Members if they would like one or two essay winners from the various schools to speak briefly, noting that the Peoria School Board asked Ms. Makula if it would be possible.

She expressed the intent to display a copy of the Arizona Constitution and the U.S. Constitution, as well as a list of participating local communities, in a prominent area.

After some discussion, the Members agreed to have one or two essay winners speak very briefly. Chairman Fink said she will let Ms. Makula know, and she will also contact the Scottsdale School District about an essay winner.

Chairman Fink advised that she will send out invitations in the next few weeks to the local committees and indicated that she has taken care of the displays. She will also followup on obtaining essays from various schools to have available for people to read.

David Hooper, Department of Library, Archives and Public Records, volunteered to take pictures with a digital camera.

Chairman Fink added that Ms. Makula is working on obtaining coverage by Channel 3 and perhaps the west side. A press release will be sent to other members of the media. Former Senator Tom Freestone also offered to help obtain coverage through media contacts.

National Civic Participation Week

Mr. Zimmerman advised that an organization centered in Washington, D.C. is attempting to correlate commemorative and celebratory activities, basically focusing on September 11, which almost coincides with Constitution Week. He contacted them and explained the activities that take place in Arizona, and the person he spoke to was surprised because not many states are as active. He opined that it would be a great boon to the state if each community reported their various activities pertaining to Constitution Week, Independence Day, Memorial Day, or any national memorial-type holiday for posting on the organization's web site.

He noted that the organization provided a specimen copy of a proclamation that can be used by the state, city, or county, and the proclamation states that the week of September 11 through 17 is proclaimed National Civic Participation Week. He said he has not studied all of the information available on their web site, but it could probably be utilized by various communities as desired, coinciding with Constitution Week.

Mr. Zimmerman indicated that the function of the organization seems to be the same as the Committee, i.e., acting as a spearhead to encourage and help programs propagate throughout the state, except on a national basis and focusing on September 11. He believes some type of federal funding and private funding is provided to the organization.

Chairman Fink noted that Mr. Zimmerman would like to send a newsletter to the organization. She indicated that she does not believe it is a federal agency.

Mr. Zimmerman added that as the cities send information to the Committee, the same report should also be sent to their web site. The contact person is Tom Kevorkian and his web site address is tkevorkian@participateamerica.org.

Report from Constitution Week Subcommittee

Chairman Fink noted that Ms. Makula could not attend, but gave her the following update:

Avondale: Same program as last year with an essay contest and event at Estrella Mountain College.

Surprise/El Mirage: Students in the Dysart School District will shadow city elected officials and a mock city council will be held, as well as an essay contest.

Glendale: Large standup display of the Bill of Rights and a self-test on the Constitution at the main library north of Glendale Community College. Also, a bibliography of books on the Constitution and the self-test will be available at the three Glendale libraries.

Litchfield Park: Essay contest with students and perhaps an event with the city council.

Lake Havasu: The person who spearheaded the program is now running for Mayor, so a citywide celebration may be possible later.

Mesa: "Take Your Hat Off" when the flag goes by (lots of songs and acting).

Payson: Possible signing of the Constitution.

Peoria: Same program as last year with the city council and throughout the Peoria School District.

Scottsdale/Paradise Valley/Fountain Hills: Same program as last year involving essays, band, speakers, and military participation.

Gilbert: Awaiting a report from Mr. Chesley.

When Mr. Zimmerman asked if someone could be contacted in Chandler, Mr. Anderson offered to see if Representative Bob Robson, who was a former council member, could give him the name of a person to contact.

Chairman Fink stated that a complete list of events will be provided at the next meeting with the dates, times, etc., and Members will be assigned to attend in support of the local communities.

Report from Education Subcommittee

Chairman Fink stated that Mr. Cordes could not be present, but provided her with an update. At the last meeting, he indicated that he would attend a meeting about changing the State Board of Education (SBE) rules to correspond with the new state standards. There was a misunderstanding initially, but he is working with the SBE on that.

Chairman Fink said Mr. Cordes received all of the Members' e-mail addresses, but is waiting until next week when schools resume to send out information to curriculum directors. Although it is not confirmed yet, he plans to go to Lake Havasu to help schools with curriculum, and Snowflake is also interested in obtaining information to align the civics and government standards.

Mr. Kirtley asked if Mr. Cordes would send the Members a copy of the survey on curriculum alignment when it is sent out, and Ms. Fink indicated that she will e-mail him.

Mr. Williams asked what kind of program Tucson is having this year.

Chairman Fink responded that Tucson did a proclamation last year. She is aware that Linda Barber has been working with city representatives, but was unable to make much headway.

Mr. Kirtley commented that former Representative Kathleen Dunbar, who is on the city council now, may be able to help plan an event next year.

Mr. Kirtley related that accountability legislation did pass and requires that every superintendent and school board president sign an affidavit that every district's curriculum will be aligned with the standards, and the affidavit must be submitted to the Arizona Department of Education by the beginning of this school year. He noted that at an Arizona School Boards Association meeting in Flagstaff the previous Friday, there was much grousing about the issue, but it must be done. This is the first step in the accountability process. The first school labels will be released on October 15, 2002. If a school is labeled as underperforming, there are a number of solutions, and part of that is reviewing the curriculum and standards. The affidavit is essentially an accountability tool for leadership. If a district aligns curriculum to the standards, the schools should not be underperforming.

Discussion followed about how the Committee could possibly offer assistance. Mr. Kirtley suggested waiting until after the schools are labeled and indicated that he will have a list for the Members to review at a later meeting.

Constitution Commemoration Dinner

Chairman Fink acknowledged that the dinner is six months away, but she would like to update the Members. Regarding the speaker, she had no way of contacting David McAuliffe except through Simon & Schuster, and she has not heard back. She spoke with Alan Keyes' scheduler and e-mailed information about the event, but she has not received a response. She indicated that she gave the speakers a few different dates, basically the third and fourth weeks in January. She added that several other suggestions were made for a speaker and asked the Members for recommendations.

Mr. Anderson said the National Constitution Center may have a Speakers Bureau.

Mr. Kirtley pointed out that former Vice President Dan Quayle is teaching in Arizona and is well known by former legislator, John Kaites.

Chairman Fink stated that the Vice President of the Mesa Constitutional Celebration Committee indicated that their church is available for the dinner. There would not be any cost to utilize the facilities. The room could easily hold 220 or 230, but if there is an overflow, video equipment is available. She acknowledged that there will be a cost for the dinner. The church has caterers and the cost would be \$20. There is also plenty of room for people to display information about celebrations.

Discussion followed about how people might feel about holding a state event in a church and the fact that the location is somewhat far for some individuals. Mr. Anderson suggested discussion of other locations at the next meeting.

Mr. Kirtley remarked that Grand Canyon College might have a facility.

Mr. Zimmerman recommended the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT), which has a catering school that is huge and could feed many people.

(Tape 1, Side B)

Mr. Anderson volunteered to call EVIT.

Chairman Fink said she talked with the Mesa Committee about having a five-or-ten-minute segment of "Take Your Hat Off" when the flag is flying.

Discussion followed about soliciting sponsors, which is usually done in October, and the fact that there will be new legislators on the Committee. Mr. Anderson said he and Ms. Chase could begin the process and indicated that he would request appointment to the Committee next year.

Chairman Fink pointed out that she is expecting a baby in the middle of December, so someone will have to take over the organizational part of the dinner, which is why she is attempting to find a speaker now.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Linda Taylor, Committee Secretary
July 31, 2002

(Original minutes and tape are filed in the Office of the Chief Clerk.)

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

Meeting Notice

Open to the Public

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, September 13, 2002

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: House Hearing Room 3

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Approve minutes**
- 3. Evaluate press conference**
- 4. Constitution Week activities**
- 5. Presentation by Becky Vance**
- 6. Report from Education Sub-committee**
- 7. Newsletter**
- 8. Constitution Commemoration Dinner**
- 9. Public Discussion**
- 10. Adjournment**

MEMBERS:

Lisa Fink, Chairman
Larry Chesley, Vice Chairman
Kelly Cordes
Donna Flanagan
Scott Kirtley
Ella Makula

Senator Blanchard
Senator Petersen
Representative Anderson
Representative Chase
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CONSTITUTIONAL COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Friday, September 13, 2002
House Hearing Room 3 -- 1:30 p.m.

(Tape 1, Side A)

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and the secretary noted attendance.

Members Present

Donna Flanigan
Ella Makula
Robert Williams
Walter Zimmerman

Representative Anderson
Representative Chase
Larry Chesley, Vice-Chairman
Lisa Fink, Chairman

Members Absent

Senator Blanchard
Senator Petersen

Kelly Cordes
Scott Kirtley

Speakers Present

Barbara Dienes, President, Freedoms Foundation – Phoenix Area Chapter
Michael Carman, Director, Museum Division, Arizona State Library Archives and Public
Records
Eugene J. Kernan, representing *Celebrate! The Constitution*TM

Chairman Fink welcomed Members and guests.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Fink solicited comments on the minutes of the July 29, 2002 meeting. There being none,

**Ms. Flanigan moved, seconded by Mr. Chesley, that the minutes of the
July 29, 2002 meeting be approved. The motion carried.**

Evaluation of Press Conference

Mr. Zimmerman said he believes the Constitution Week press conference held on September 4, 2002 went very well. Mr. Chesley concurred.

Chairman Fink noted that media attention is greater when persons representing historical characters, such as "George Washington," are present. She added that the facilities were wonderful, and that former Senator Tom Freestone was very helpful. She reported that representatives of the Capitol Times, Channel 11, KFYI and KTAR were present, and it is her intention to obtain copies of the newspaper and video. She displayed a copy of the Capitol Times coverage of the event (Attachment 1).

Barbara Dienes, President, Freedoms Foundation – Phoenix Area Chapter, thanked Chairman Fink for her help.

There followed further discussion of the press conference and the interest in planning a similar event for next year.

Constitution Week Activities

Chairman Fink reviewed a handout titled "City Celebrations for Constitution Week" (Attachment 2) that lists activities scheduled in the communities of Avondale, Gilbert, Glendale, Lake Havasu City, Litchfield Park, Mesa, Payson, Peoria, Scottsdale/Fountain Hills/Paradise Valley, Surprise/El Mirage, and Youngtown.

Michael Carman, Director, Museum Division, Arizona State Library Archives and Public Records, reported that, over his objections, the City of Gilbert was given permission to borrow the Liberty Bell replica for the weekend activities.

Further review and discussion of the various planned activities ensued.

Mr. Williams voiced the opinion that the celebrations are intended to honor the Constitution, and should not be combined with a remembrance of the heroes of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Chairman Fink said it is her understanding that the combined event at Lake Havasu City will only be held this year. Ms. Makula confirmed that this is their first scheduled event.

Chairman Fink expressed her gratification that Constitutional commemorations are increasing, and said it is her intention to attend most of the planned events. She thanked Ms. Makula for her assistance. She noted that *Kids Voting Arizona* is planned for Wednesday, September 17, 2002 at 10 a.m. in Wesley Bolin Plaza.

Eugene J. Kernan, representing *Celebrate! The Constitution*TM reported that a breakfast scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2002 at the Holiday Inn, Phoenix, will feature a number of Living History players (see flyer, Attachment 3). He observed that this year the celebration has been moved indoors and scheduled for a weekend, and that information packets will be made available to children who attend.

Mrs. Chase said she is pleased to see that Avondale is participating in the activities, and she hopes communities in Pinal County will get involved in future years.

Education Subcommittee Report

Chairman Fink reported that although Kelly Cordes is unable to attend the meeting, he has prepared an announcement to all middle schools and high schools in Arizona concerning curriculum alignment to the new state civic education standards (Attachment 4). She noted that Mr. Cordes is trying to get in touch with Governing Board President Lee Barnes of Lake Havasu Unified School District.

Newsletter

Chairman Fink asked for a volunteer to write an article for the November newsletter. Following discussion, Mr. Williams agreed to write an article by October 20, 2002 about terrorism. Mr. Anderson suggested, in addition, an examination of whether some constitutional protections and rights are being violated in the name of security in response to the attacks.

Constitution Commemoration Dinner

Chairman Fink advised that the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) has been reserved for January 29, 2003. In regard to a speaker, retiring U.S. Congressman J. C. Watts (R-Oklahoma) has been contacted, but his staff report that they are not scheduling him at this time.

Vice-Chairman Chesley proposed that Arizona Congressman J. D. Hayworth be asked to invite Congressman Watts directly. He offered to follow through on the proposal.

Following discussion, Chairman Fink pointed out that EVIT has a capacity of 400. She noted that David McCullough, author of the acclaimed biography "*John Adams*," is not available. She asked Members if it is their desire to have another Constitution quiz. Suggestions included a revised e-mail quiz that is easier to access and better promoted.

Chairman Fink pointed out that the annual election for the Committee Chairman should be held at the next meeting. She noted that because she is expecting a baby in December, she is trying to make as many arrangements as possible for the upcoming dinner. Members discussed the chairmanship and the possibility of reelecting Chairman Fink for another term. She advised that Michael E. Braun, Executive Director, Arizona Legislative Council, has confirmed that there are no term limits on the chairmanship, and also that there would be no problem with holding the annual dinner at a church. Following discussion of the need for new legislative members on the Committee, Vice-Chairman Chesley suggested incoming freshman Republican Andy Biggs, a Constitutionalist, who is expected to win the 22nd District.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:30.m.

Carole Price, Committee Secretary
September 19, 2002

(Original minutes, attachments and tape are on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk.)

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

Meeting Notice

Open to the Public

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, October 25, 2002

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: House Hearing Room 3

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes
3. Report from Constitution Week subcommittee
4. Report from Education subcommittee
5. Discussion about the Newsletter
6. Discussion of Constitution Commemoration Dinner
7. Annual Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
8. Public Discussion
9. Adjournment

MEMBERS:

Lisa Fink, Chairman
Larry Chesley, Vice Chairman
Kelly Cordes
Donna Flanigan
Scott Kirtley
Ella Makula

Senator Blanchard
Senator Petersen
Representative Anderson
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ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

October 25, 2002

1:30 p.m. House Hearing Room 3

Members Present:

Ms. Lisa Fink, Chairman
Mr. Larry Chesley, Vice Chair
Mr. Kelly Cordes
Ms. Donna Flanigan

Representative Anderson
Representative Chase
Robert Williams
Walter Zimmerman

Members Absent:

Senator Blanchard
Senator Petersen

Mr. Scott Kirtley
Ms. Ella Makula

Staff:

Nadine Sapien, Senate Research Analyst
Dallas Gold, Senate Assistant Research Analyst
Larry Chesley, House Research Analyst

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and attendance was noted. For additional attendees, see Sign-in Sheet (Attachment A).

Ms. Fink announced that Barbara Dienes, President, Freedoms Foundation – Phoenix Area Chapter; Michael Carman, Director, Museum Division, Arizona State Library Archives and Public Records, David Hooper, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records and Bill Norton, Co-chair of the Gilbert Constitution Week Committee were present in the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Fink asked that the following correction be made to page two of the minutes of September 19, 2002: Page 2, change Wednesday to Tuesday in the sentence "She noted that Kids Voting Arizona is planned for Wednesday, September 17, 2002 at 10 a.m. in Wesley Bolin Plaza." Without further objection, the minutes as corrected were approved as distributed.

REPORT FROM CONSTITUTION WEEK SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Fink remarked that she attended the Avondale Constitution Week Activity where Michael Powel from Estrella Community College gave a class and Barbara Dienes, and Bill Grauer gave a presentation. In attendance were educators as well as many

citizens and many people enjoyed the George and Martha Washington figures that circulated through the crowd.

Ms. Fink asked Bill Norton to report on the Town of Gilbert. Mr. Norton distributed a handout printed by the East Valley Tribune that had been distributed to the public in the first year of Gilbert's Constitution Week, which was held in conjunction with the September 11th event with the Gilbert Action Interfaith Network (attachment B). He stated that approximately 5,600 people attended the September 11th event and approximately 4,000 people attended the Constitution Fair on the 14th. He reviewed the contents of the handout.

In response to Representative Anderson, Mr. Norton explained that he was responsible for the layout of the handout and received assistance from the Tribune's artists in the design. He stated that the cost of the publication was paid for with the sale of the advertisements on the final page. The remaining money from the sale, as well as \$13 - \$14,000 in cash donations and approximately \$34,000 in total cash, product and service donation paid for the remainder of the Town event. He noted that the only costs to the Town were for the use of the facilities and for providing police and fire personnel coverage. He stated that Constitution Week would be continued as a yearly event.

Mr. Williams opined that Constitution Week should be held as a national holiday because the Constitution is the document that truly framed the nation. He expressed his admiration of the efforts made by Mr. Norton and the Town of Gilbert on their celebration.

Ms. Fink commented that the buildings that Mr. Norton made for the Gilbert celebration were remarkable. Mr. Norton explained that he produced three buildings, the White House, the Capitol building and the Supreme Court Building. On the buildings were posters that indicated the checks and balances for that particular branch as well as the powers delegated to that branch by the Constitution. The largest of the buildings is the Capitol, measuring ten by thirty feet and stands approximately twenty feet tall. He stated that they were easy to construct and store and were very effective. He remarked that they are available for any interested parties to re-use.

In response to Ms. Flanigan, Mr. Norton stated the film "A More Perfect Union" was originally produced in 1987 by Brigham Young University for the bicentennial of the Constitution and the National Center for Constitutional Studies currently owns the distribution rights. He remarked that Earl Taylor, President of that organization is very willing for the film to be used. Mr. Fink commented that the film is also for viewing through Library and Archives.

Mr. Norton remarked that this was not just a community event to gather the community together, but was an educational event to try to inspire citizens with regard to the Constitution. He stated that he could be reached via his cell phone at (602) 910-0290.

Ms. Fink remarked that she attended the City of Glendale's celebration. She stated that it had some great displays at their main library as well as a constitution quiz. She noted that Litchfield Park also had a celebration that included "I Signed the Constitution" and a constitutional quiz for the children.

Ms. Fink stated that she had not received any feedback regarding Lake Havasu City's celebration. She remarked that apparently the City was having a combination of events, similar to other cities.

Mr. Zimmerman remarked the City of Mesa presented a show was entitled "Take Your Hat Off When The Flag Goes By", a musical presentation that was received by the public with great enthusiasm. He stated that the show taught, through lyrics and music, the principals of the Constitution. He noted that a video had been made of the show and that it would be distributed to the Committee as soon as it was completed.

Ms. Fink remarked that the City of Peoria program was similar to last year's celebration. She stated that she was unable to attend this event as the City of Scottsdale's celebration was on the same night. She commented that Scottsdale had a Constitutional program, a quiz and the Fort Huachuca band. She noted that there was a good representation of the City officials with the mayors of all three cities, Sheriff Arpaio and other speakers present.

Ms. Fink stated that the City of Surprise was unable to do their mock town council due to conflict with the school, but are planning to have one during the second semester. She noted that the City did have an essay contest for both elementary and high school students.

Ms. Fink commented that the City of Youngtown had a wonderful small town event that included plenty of various entertainment, food as well as City officials.

Ms. Fink stated that she had not received any information regarding the City of Payson's celebration.

Mr. Zimmerman commented that in addition to the City of Mesa's celebration, the entire school system is involved in an essay contest. He noted 69 finalist entries are in the process of being judged.

Ms. Fink stated that she received a phone call from Carolyn Weiss from the Arizona Daughters of the American Revolution. She stated Ms. Weiss informed her that her organizations national push is to get the members involved in helping communities celebrate Constitution Week. Ms. Fink noted that there will be a meeting tomorrow, Saturday, October 26, 2002 with members from all over the state and remarked that she would be sending her information about the Committee. Mr. Zimmerman asked for a report from Ms. Fink on this situation for the newsletter and Ms. Fink stated that she would provide him with the necessary information.

Representative Anderson suggested that someone from the Committee should attend their meeting and be available to answer questions. Mr. Norton volunteered to contact Ms. Weiss.

REPORT FROM EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Cordes remarked that the emailing of the letter to all the schools proved to be more difficult than anticipated. He stated that currently, approximately 600 of the 639 schools have been contacted. He noted that although he has received a few responses, nothing concrete has been established.

Mr. Cordes stated that he is still trying to get on the November 18th State Board of Education Meeting. Christi Farley, the new Executive Director, has not contacted him as yet. He explained that currently the State School Board high school social studies requirements for graduation are not in sync with the new State social studies standards. He stated that last spring, everyone was in agreement that something needed to be done.

Ms. Fink commented that current statute regarding schools signing off that they are in alignment with state standards regarding curriculum only applies to reading, writing and math. Mr. Cordes opined that when social studies is included in the AIMS test, this would change.

Representative Anderson distributed a handout of an article entitled "Some Worry Students Don't Know Much About History" (attachment C) from the Tribune that outlined what Mr. Cordes was speaking about. He stated that one of the former Committee members, Dale Langkilde, has been working on this issue. Mr. Langkilde has been trying to talk with the Mesa Public School. Recently Mr. Langkilde asked Representative Anderson to contact them again and Representative Anderson forwarded letter outlining Mr. Langkilde's concerns. The response from the Superintendent of the Mesa Public Schools stated that a lot of time had been given in an attempt to address these concerns, but at this point in time, they were not willing to work on this issue any longer. Representative Anderson remarked that this response was sent back before the Tribune article. He stated that this issue might need to have the Legislature's attention to address these concerns.

Mr. Cordes stated that currently most high schools offer a half year course in civics, but the original intent of the rule to include this as a part of high school curriculum was for this course to be a full year versus just a semester. This is what he is trying to get the State Board of Education to address.

Ms. Fink stated that although the boards may be bound by law to change the curriculum standards, there is no accountability and no enforcement for infractions.

Mr. Cordes commented that going through the State School Board Association may be a solution for setting up accountability for upgrading standards, once the State School

Board's rules are changed. He stated that the usual penalty for non-compliance to this type of issue is the withholding of funds. He stated that Superintendent Molera sent out a letter this summer that encouraged schools to make sure their curriculums aligned with State standards.

In response to Ms. Fink, Mr. Cordes stated that there is no current law in place addressing this issue.

Representative Anderson suggested that the Committee wait until after the election and then set up a meeting with the new Superintendent to see what type of response may be given.

Ms. Flanigan remarked that since Mesa has such a good turnout on their Constitution events, involving the parents in the Mesa school district might influence the district into making the necessary changes.

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Ms. Fink stated that there are still some city reports pending and once received the newsletter can be completed and sent out.

Mr. Zimmerman commented that all requests for additions to the newsletter need to be emailed to him.

DISCUSSION OF CONSTITUTION COMMEMORATION DINNER

Ms. Fink announced that with the assistance of Representative Anderson, a speaker for the dinner has been selected. Mr. John Eastman, Director of the Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, a public interest law firm affiliated with the Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy and he is also an Associate Professor of Law at the Chapman University School of Law, in Orange County, California. She noted that he has done a lot of work with the Boy Scouts of America and school vouchers. He also appears on numerous television and radio programs. She distributed a handout with more information regarding Mr. Eastman (attachment D).

After a brief discussion, the members decided educational issues, such as the pledge of allegiance and the constitutionality of school vouchers would be the main topic. Additionally, questions would need to be written down for a question and answer portion of the evening. Ms. Fink announced that the event would be held at the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) on January 29, 2003.

Ms. Fink remarked that for musical entertainment, she suggested using the Miracle of Pennsylvania and asked for any other suggestions. After a general discussion, it was decided that keeping the constitutional quiz informal with the people of each table

discussing the quiz amongst themselves and an award would be given to the winning table. In addition, essay winners could be presented with awards by the cities.

Ms. Fink stated that she would contact each city and town so they can set up displays in the auditorium.

Ms. Fink distributed a draft of the sponsor letter (attachment E) and asked the members to contact her with any suggestions before it was completed.

Tap 1, Side B

Barbara Dienes offered to try to obtain a presidential plate to be used as a door prize. She stated that she would inform the Committee of the choices available when she obtains the information.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Representative Anderson nominated Ms. Fink to the position of Chairman of the Committee. Without objection, the nomination was approved.

Mr. Chesley nominated Representative Chase to the position of Vice Chairman of the Committee. Without objection, the nomination was approved.

In response to Representative Anderson, Ms. Sapien explained that when a committee is placed into statute, a sunset date is usually stated. At that time, the Auditor General sends out letters asking the Legislators if they want an audit to be performed by the Office or have a Committee of Reference audit performed. A Committee of Reference audit is similar to a self-audit with answering a questionnaire regarding the Committee's productivity. She stated that most likely this Committee would have a Committee of Reference.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Moulton
Committee Secretary

(Tapes and attachments on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115.)